

HOUSE BILL 1972

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 49; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to
nursing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. On or before January 15, 2008, the board of nursing shall report in writing to the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee concerning the vocational and professional placements of nurses licensed by the board who practice in this state. The board shall detail the numbers of nurses in the various professional settings in which they practice in this state. Those settings shall include, but not be limited to: hospitals, nursing homes, home health services, physician offices, utilization review and insurance, school nurses, public health departments, and higher education. The board shall identify any professional recruitment and retention issues that it is aware of for specific practice settings. The board shall also identify any non-traditional ethical issues raised by non-traditional practice settings. At the request of the chairs of the legislative committees the board may be called on to testify concerning its findings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.